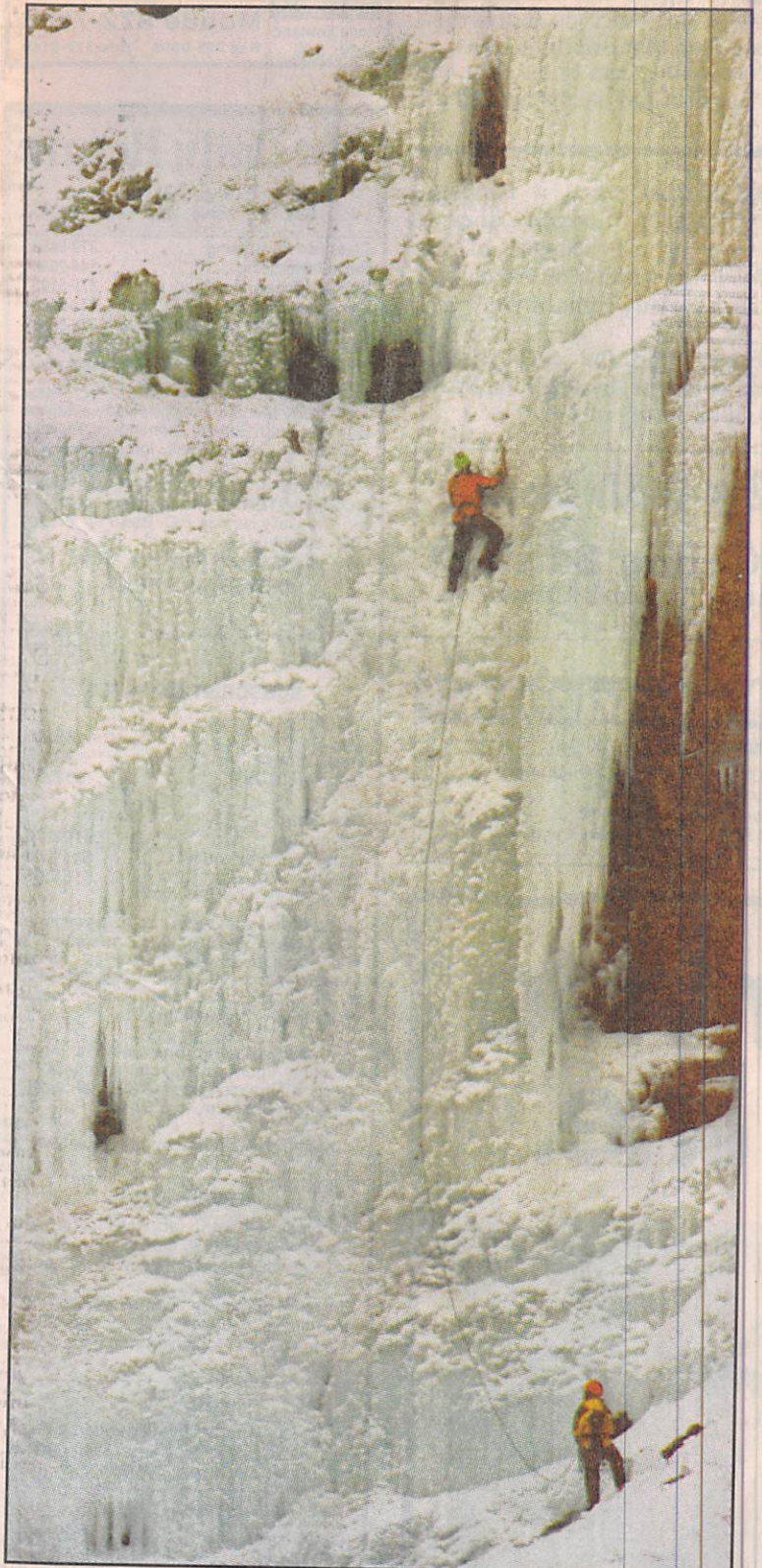


Slippery slope



Daily Herald Photo/Brian Winter

Ice climbers attempt to scale Bridal Veil Falls in Provo Canyon Thursday. When winter temperatures drop below freezing, a large part of the falls freeze, attracting ice climbers from around the country.

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Is Bridal Veil Falls Resort up for auction?

Back taxes nearly \$23,000; owner seeking relief

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By Sharon M. Haddock
Deseret News staff writer

PROVO — When a business is buried by an avalanche of trouble, tax collectors just ought to assume there's not much left to tax, right? Not necessarily.

Utah County commissioners told David Grow, owner of the Bridal Veil Falls Resort in Provo Canyon, he missed the window of opportunity to have his property taxes deferred on the demolished resort when he failed to ask for a hearing last year before the Board of Equalization.

The amenities of Bridal Veil Falls were destroyed in January 1996 by a huge snowslide. With the cost of replacing the structures too high, Grow has been trying to sell the resort for the past year.

Now, the resort owes almost \$23,000 in back taxes and could go to the highest bidder at a tax sale set for 10 a.m. Thursday.

Grow appeared before the

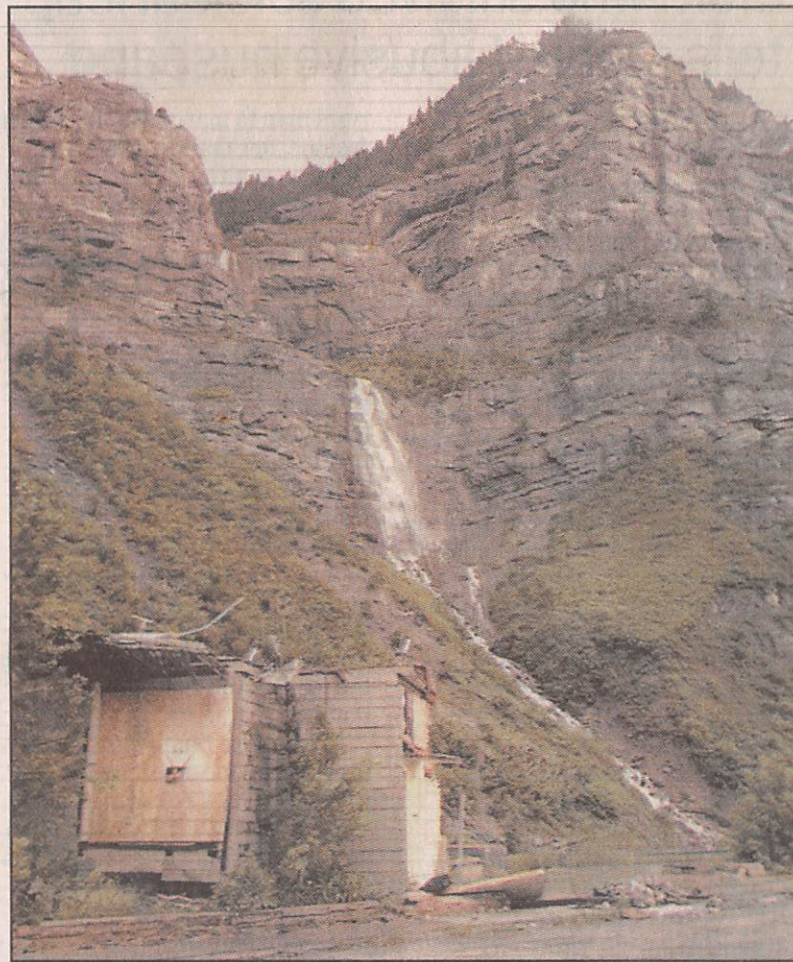
commission Tuesday pleading for relief on land that showed a quarter of a million dollars in improvements as of Jan. 1, 1996, and nothing but bare land value shortly after.

"I knew, you knew, I'm betting everybody in your offices knew the resort was destroyed," Grow said. "And it's possible that a psychiatrist could verify that I was not functioning during the months after that as I should have been. I thought I was, but I don't think I was, not well enough to realize I needed to come to the Board (of Equalization) for help."

Commissioners Jerry Grover and Gary Herbert said while they sympathize with Grow's situation, the hands of the commission are tied. Grover explained that only the State Tax Commission can determine whether an appeal can be heard after the Board of Equalization's appeals time period. Tax notices go out in July, and property owners have 30 days to request an appointment with the Board of Equalization.

Herbert said maybe if the taxes, including back taxes, are paid on two of the resort's three parcels in jeopardy, the commission could pull the properties off the tax sale list.

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Bridal Veil Falls Resort was destroyed in January 1996 avalanche.

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Grow said he believed the technical issues could be set aside and values discussed.

"We're here to request a waiver on the improvements which did not exist after the avalanche," said Steven Grow, representing the family.

Robert Grow, who's owned the

resort since 1974, said the resort never made money except enough to cover operating expenses and to help with the upkeep of the nearby tourist park.

"We're hoping you can find a way to help. This is the minimum hope," he said. Robert Grow said the park could only be operated six months of the year and is often closed by weather and road conditions. He said since the landslide buried the resort, closing down the tram, restaurant and gift shop, he's

been at a loss to know what to do to save it.

Last year he listed the 19 acres and cliff side for sale with Coldwell Banker Premier Realty for the asking price of \$1.7 million.

In a letter to Robert Grow this month, county Assessor Claude Richards said taxes on the three properties come to \$22,774.54 for the years 1993 through 1997 including interest and penalties, based on a low-end valuation of \$300,000 for the resort area.

Grow is asking the county to reduce that assessment by at least \$6,456.

"The law says that whatever the value was as of Jan. 1, stands," Grover said. "The conditions for you would have to be the same as for anyone else."

Herbert suggested Grow try to work out an arrangement for payment of the outstanding tax balance and the commission will talk about it further at its 5:30 p.m. meeting Wednesday.

Mom who survived suicidal leap tells story of abusive husband

Associated Press

TORRANCE, Calif. — Testifying from a hospital bed, a woman accused of murdering her tiny daughter in a suicidal leap sobbed as she told jurors a story of abuse by her husband and his family.

Farinoosh "Roya" Dalili said Tuesday she was driven to try suicide by the physical, verbal and sexual abuse but insisted she did not take 3-year-old Nagen Natalie Dalili when she jumped from a 10th floor hotel room.

"I loved my daughter with all my heart. I didn't take my daughter out the window," Dalili said.

Her attorney, Alex Kessel, contends the child was so attached to her mother that she followed her out the window. Dalili, who has 200 pins holding her splintered bones together, has been in a hospital bed throughout her trial.

Dalili, 31, speaking clearly through a microphone in the hushed courtroom, recounted an ordeal that began after she left Iran with her family at age 15, emigrated to Canada, earned a college degree and came to California.

She was waiting, she said, for the

right man to marry. But in Iranian fashion, her marriage to Nader Dalili, a wealthy businessman in Los Angeles' garment industry, was arranged by their families.

At first she was charmed by Dalili, but the relationship soured. When she became pregnant, she said he asked her to find out the baby's sex and, after a sonogram, she came to his office with a balloon announcing, "It's a girl!"

"He said, 'You must be joking. Go back and do it again,'" she testified.

He began hitting her and sodomizing her, and pushed her down a flight of stairs when she was eight months pregnant, she said. But worst of all, she said, was the mental abuse by him and his family.

"The entire family put a lot of pressure on me emotionally, and gradually it destroyed me," she said. Divorce was not an option in an Iranian family, she said, and so she decided to kill herself. She slashed her wrists and tried to inject air in her veins.

"He always mocked me and said, 'You're doing this for attention. If



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Farinoosh "Roya" Dalili testifies from hospital bed in Torrance, Calif.

you really wanted to kill yourself you would go and jump from a high building," she testified.

The day that she did, Dalili said, "I was not myself. I hadn't eaten or slept. I had no emotions. I was like a robot, a zombie."

She rented a room on the top floor of the Torrance Marriott Hotel on March 3, 1997, and remembers seeing an open window. She

said she remembered sitting on the ledge but did not recall the fall.

Prosecutor Alex Karkanen, who contends that Dalili cradled the child in her arms as she jumped, pointed out that in an interview with prosecutors she had said, "I know that now, that I took her with me."

Nader Dalili has testified that he was a loving husband and father and never abused his wife.

Dean L. Bingham

HEBER CITY—Dean LaVar Bingham, age 42, died early Monday morning, May 25, 1998 in Manila, Utah due to accidental asphyxiation while at the High School Rodeo with his son, Ty.

Dean was born April 8, 1956 in Ogden, Utah to Frank LeMar and Arlene Bingham. He married Cathy Cummings on April 20, 1978 in Heber City, Utah. Marriage later solemnized in the Mt. Timpanogos LDS Temple on May 3, 1997.

Dean was employed by Questar Pipeline for the past 20 years. He was a devoted husband and father and his family was priority in his life. He loved to hunt and loved being in the mountains. Dean's greatest joy was his horses. He was a great horseman



his character was not one for fanfare or celebration. The Neptune Society of San Diego cremated his remains, these ashes are to be scattered on the Clark Fork River in and about Missoula, MT and the Bitterroot Valley, which he loved so much.

Let it be known that Brew has finished his journey and we that were close to him are better for having known him.

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Montie LeRoy Brock

Montie LeRoy Brock, father and friend, passed from this life on Memorial Day, May 25, 1998.

He was born to James and Louise Brock on New Years Day, 1942, in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was raised in Southern Colorado, California, and finally in Utah.

Dad served his Father in Heaven on a mission to the British Isles from



1998 at 11 a.m. in the Lincoln West Stake Center, 325 West 600 South, London. Friends may call Thursday evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Olpin Family Mortuary, 500 South 300 East, Pleasant Grove, and at the church on Friday one hour prior to services. Burial will be in the Timpanogos Memorial Gardens, 1000 North 400 East, Orem. N 5/27

J. Robert Gillespie

J. Robert Gillespie died Tuesday, May 26, 1998 at the home of his daughter, Mary Taylor, in Provo, Utah.

He was born March 9, 1916 in Provo to Sharp C. Gillespie and Eva Petrea Gilles Gillespie. He was educated at Mountain Elementary School and Lincoln High where he was active in athletics. Graduated from BYU June 4, 1941 - the same day he married Wilma Wiscombe in the Salt



(Utah) of what was then, recently known as, of West Valley City, Utah; Jacob R. Graves; and grand nieces and grand nephews, Alex, Ashley, Sydney Jane, Nicholas and Elliot. Preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral service will be held Friday, May 29, 1998 at 11 a.m. at the Cottonwood Stake Center, 1830 East 6400 South. Friends and family may call Thursday, 6-8 p.m. at Memorial Mortuary 5850 South 1900 East, and on Friday one hour prior to service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations in her name to the Alzheimer's Association, 455 East 400 South, SLC, Utah 84111.

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